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In re Application of: Masaru MIYAMOTO

Serial No: 09/297,399

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For: WATER BASED INK COMPOSITION FOR BALLPOINT PEN

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.197 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents listed thereon. These documents contain information which the Examiner should consider during examination of the present application. Also enclosed is payment of the \$240 fee specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

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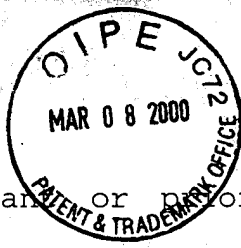


in accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form PTO-1449 next to the document. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

The undersigned is also enclosing herewith a copy of a Search Report issued January 17, 2000 in European Patent Application No. 97946134.0-2102 PCT/JP9704480 a foreign counterpart of the present patent application, in which the presently disclosed references were cited. The Search Report uses the symbols "X" [particularly relevant if taken alone], and "A" [technological background] in the same manner as they are employed in similar reports issued by the United States Patent Office in connection with PCT applications. It is, therefore, believed that the applicant in the above-identified patent applications has now met the "concise explanation" requirement of 35 C.F.R. 1.98.

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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